



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1976

NEW REPORT ON TRANSPORT ON SALE

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A LIMITED NUMBER OF COPIES OF THE NEWLY-PUBLISHED COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORT STUDY ARE NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE.

THE FULL VERSION OF THE REPORT IS AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH AT A PRICE OF \$120. IT CONTAINS 415 PAGES OF TEXT, DIAGRAMS AND TABLES WHICH PROVIDE AN IN-DEPTH REVIEW OF HONG KONG'S TRANSPORT SYSTEM IN RELATION TO PRESENT AND FUTURE NEEDS.

A CONDENSED VERSION OF THE REPORT, CONTAINING 32 PAGES WITH TEXT AND ILLUSTRATIONS, IS ON SALE IN SEPARATE ENGLISH AND CHINESE VERSIONS AT \$12 PER COPY.

THE COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORT STUDY, PRODUCED BY WILBUR SMITH AND ASSOCIATES, WAS COMMISSIONED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AS AN AID TO FORMULATING TRANSPORT POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES WHICH WILL BE EMBRACED IN A WHITE PAPER NEXT YEAR.

ONLY LIMITED COPIES OF THE REPORT ARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE TO THE PUBLIC AS THE REPORT IS PRIMARILY INTENDED AS A WORKING DOCUMENT FOR STUDY WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT AND BY OTHERS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE TRANSPORT FIELD.

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POST EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH THEIR CHRISTMAS CARDS TO REACH THEIR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES IN HONG KONG BEFORE CHRISTMAS, SHOULD POST THEM NOT LATER THAN TUESDAY (DECEMBER 21).

POSTINGS OF LOCAL MAIL ITEMS AFTER THIS DATE CANNOT BE GUARANTEED DELIVERY BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

FOR LOCALLY ADDRESSED CHRISTMAS CARDS, SPECIAL COUNTER POSITIONS AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE AND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE TOMORROW AND ON TUESDAY TO EXPEDITE HANDLING AND SUBSEQUENT DELIVERY.

ANY QUANTITY OF CARDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE SPECIAL COUNTERS, BUT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE REQUESTED TO SEPARATE THEIR CARDS ADDRESSED TO HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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APPEAL FOR CO-OPERATION IN INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT SURVEY
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY APPEALED TO MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS, WHICH HAVE NOT YET FURNISHED THEIR EMPLOYMENT RETURNS FOR THE LAST QUARTER OF THE YEAR, TO DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID 20,000 REMINDERS HAD BEEN SENT OUT TO THESE ESTABLISHMENTS.

EMPLOYMENT ENQUIRY CARDS WERE FIRST MAILED TO INDIVIDUAL MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS ON DECEMBER 2. MANAGERMENTS WERE REQUESTED TO COMPLETE THE CARDS WITH THE NUMBERS OF PERSONS ENGAGED AND EXISTING VACANCIES AS AT DECEMBER 3, AND TO RETURN THEM TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 10.

THE FULL SCALE INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT SURVEY NOW IN PROGRESS COVERS SOME 40,000 MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS. INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE SURVEY WILL PROVIDE NOT ONLY BENCHMARK DATA FOR THE ANALYSIS OF EMPLOYMENT LEVELS AND TRENDS BUT ALSO AN UP-TO-DATE DIRECTORY OF MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS FOR CONDUCTING SAMPLE SURVEYS IN THE SUBSEQUENT QUARTERS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +PROMPT REPORTING FROM MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS WILL AVOID FURTHER FOLLOW-UPS AND FACILITATE THE EARLY RELEASE OF SURVEY RESULTS. ON RECEIPT OF REMINDERS, MANAGERMENTS SHOULD THEREFORE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE CARDS AT THEIR EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.+

AT PRESENT, ENQUIRIES ARE ALSO BEING MADE OF EMPLOYMENT AND VACANCIES IN THE IMPORT/EXPORT, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES, RESTAURANTS, HOTELS AND OTHER SELECTED TRADES AND SERVICES.

ALL SUCH ESTABLISHMENTS WERE ASKED TO CO-OPERATE IN THE EMPLOYMENT SURVEY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT INFORMATION FURNISHED BY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS WOULD BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WOULD BE USED SOLELY FOR COMPILING STATISTICAL TABLES.

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IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, TODAY SPOKE ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION IN +AN EVER-CHANGING SOCIETY LIKE HONG KONG+.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PROGRAMME, HE SAID THAT THE TRADITIONAL CHINESE FAMILY IN HONG KONG COULD NO LONGER STAND THE IMPACT OF ALIEN INFLUENCES WHICH HAD BROUGHT ABOUT SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE STRUCTURE AND CONCEPT OF THE FAMILY.

THIS, HE SAID, RESULTED IN THE CAUSES OF MANY SOCIAL PROBLEMS.

TO TACKLE THESE PROBLEMS, HE ADDED, THE PROMOTION OF FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION WAS ESSENTIAL.

HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE PROGRAMME WOULD BE EXTENDED TO OTHER DISTRICTS SO THAT ALL RESIDENTS OF HONG KONG WOULD SOON RECOGNISE THE IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION AND HELP SOLVE MANY SOCIAL PROBLEMS.

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WATER CUT

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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN WAN CHAI WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FIVE HOURS FROM 1 A.M. ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 21) TO ALLOW THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO CARRY OUT A NIGHT LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY LUARD ROAD, GLOUCESTER ROAD, FLEMING ROAD, NORTHERN SIDE OF JOHNSTON ROAD, O'BRIEN ROAD AND HENNESSY ROAD, INCLUDING 189 - 201 JOHNSTON ROAD, 32 - 173 THOMSON ROAD AND HENNESSY ROAD GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD, SALT WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN NORTH POINT WILL ALSO BE TURNED OFF.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY ELECTRIC ROAD, JAVA ROAD, FROM LAU SIN STREET TO TIN CHIU STREET, NORTH POINT ROAD, CHUN YUEN STREET, TONG SHUI ROAD, SHU KUK STREET, KAM HONG STREET, SOUTHERN SIDE OF KING'S ROAD FROM MING YUEN WESTERN STREET TO MODEL LANE, INCLUDING TSAT TSZ MUI ROAD, TANNER ROAD AND PAK FUK ROAD.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KOWLOON

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE SECTION OF KWAI FUK ROAD WEST OF SHING FUK STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 21).

VEHICLES USING THIS SECTION OF KWAI FUK ROAD TO GO TO GIN DRINKER'S BAY ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED TO THE SECTION OF A NEWLY COMPLETED UNNAMED ROAD JOINING KWAI FUK ROAD ABOUT 80 METRES NORTHWEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH HING FONG ROAD TO GIN DRINKER'S BAY ROAD.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS TRAFFIC RE-ROUTING, LEARNER DRIVERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER GIN DRINKER'S BAY ROAD NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH THE UNNAMED ROAD.

THESE ARRANGEMENTS AIM TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LINK ROAD FROM KWAI FUK ROAD TO TEXACO ROAD AND TO MAINTAIN THE EXISTING LEARNER DRIVER PROHIBITION IMPOSED ON GIN DRINKER'S BAY ROAD.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS AND LEARNER DRIVERS.

ALSO STARTING FROM 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY, THE SECTION OF KOWLOON CITY ROAD BETWEEN SUNG WONG TOI ROAD AND MOK CHEONG STREET, AND THE PART OF SUNG WONG TOI ROAD ADJACENT TO THE JUNCTION WITH KOWLOON CITY ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO THROUGH TRAFFIC TO ENABLE ROADWORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT.

ACCESS TO AFFECTED PREMISES WILL BE MAINTAINED FROM EITHER MOK CHEONG STREET OR TEMPORARY ACCESS ON SUNG WONG TOI ROAD.

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PUBLIC HOUSING SOLVES
HEADACHE FOR LARGE FAMILIES

It is frequently difficult in Hong Kong for couples with young children to find suitable low-cost accommodation. This was the problem recently faced by Mr. Lau Man-biu, whose concrete hut at Shek Wai Kok Village was demolished to make way for a proposed \$130 million public housing estate.

When first confronted with the problem Mr. Lau considered all the advantages and disadvantages of renting accommodation in the private sector or in public housing.

Trying to rent a room or a small flat proved quite a problem for Mr. Lau, his wife and three children. Most landlords considered his family too large for that type of premises and preferred to let to single people or couples with no children. Also he faced the prospect of paying a high deposit on the flat, usually two months' rent in advance.

So, the Laus decided to accept an offer of public housing. They are now living in one of Hong Kong's newest estates, Lai King, at Tsuen Wan. They occupy a 267-sq-ft self-contained unit at a rent of \$180 per month.

Mr. Lau said: "To rent a private room you ought to be single, or a married couple with no children. I found that renting a private flat was beyond my financial ability. My best choice is undoubtedly public housing."

Working as a freelance knitting machine technician, Mr. Lau had been living in the hut at Shek Wai Kok Village for nearly 14 months.



Though the village was served with some essential facilities, the Laus prefer the more comfortable accommodation in public housing.

"I find it more convenient and comfortable at Lai King because the flat is bigger, brighter and better ventilated. Also, we have a nice view.

"I realise now that I could never rent a private flat with similar facilities - gardens, playgrounds, a shopping area and many other necessary services," Mr. Lau added.

"The flat itself is self-contained with private toilet, kitchen, balcony and washing area."

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